

(c) Research in this behalf is being conducted at Central Rice Research Institute Cuttack, and Adulthorai Centre of Tamil Nadu.

(d) Yes.

(e) The experts engaged in the research at Cuttack have suggested that the 'Azoola' green manure could be used as cattle and poultry feed.

(f) No separate incentives are being offered.

Construction of a Tank at Nagur Babuji Village in Aurad Taluk

924 SRI MANIK RAO PATIL (Aurad).—Will the Minister for Minor Irrigation be pleased to state.—

(a) whether survey has been made for the construction of a tank at village, Nagur Babuji in Aurad Taluk ;

(i) if so, whether any scheme has been formulated by that would come under Irrigation ;

(c) whether there are any proposals to take up construction of this tank in current year's programme?

SRI D. B. CHANDREGOWDA (Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Estimated cost is Rs. 4.55 lakhs as per the S. R. of 1972-73. Area proposed to come under irrigation is 186 acres.

(c) No.

Shortage of Water in Davanagere City

950 SRI PAMPAPATHI (Davanagere).—Will the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Davanagere City suffers from shortage of water supply for a period of one month in every six months ;

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government to obviate the problem ;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in executing the said scheme and the period required for completing the same ?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTIAH (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(a) Yes. Water will not be available from the channel for a period of 15-20 days as no water is released in the Bhadra Channel once in every six months i.e., during December and June. But,

water is being supplied from Bathikere and Tungabhadra river during this period.

(b) In order to obviate this, an impounding reservoir is proposed to be constructed and the same is in progress.

(c) The delay is due to the abandonment of work by the first contractor to whom the construction of the impounding reservoir was entrusted. Now it has been entrusted to other contractor. The work is progressing expeditiously. It is expected to be completed in about three months.

Production of Mysore Breed Silk Cocoons

955 SRI D. T. MAYANNA (Huliyurdurga)—Will the Minister for Sericulture and Horticulture be please to state.—

(a) whether it is not a fact that Government has enacted a Law for growing only Mysore breed silk cocoons in Kunigal and Tumkur taluks of Tumkur District and Magadi Taluk of Bangalore district ;

(b) the average quantity of silk per year that is produced in this area ;

(c) the average cost of a K.G. of silk cocoon ;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that prices paid in this area are low when compared to silk growers of other areas of the State ;

(e) whether the Government intend to purchase this Mysore Breed silk cocoon at a prescribed rate with a view to rectify the anomaly?

SRI K. B. SHIVAIAN (Minister for Sericulture and Horticulture).—

(a) Yes.

(b)—

1977-78 ... 86.96 crores

1978-79 ... 95.02 crores

(Upto the end of
February 1979)

(c) —Seedlings

Cocoon purchased
for yarn twisting

Max.	Min.	Average
Rs. 65.00	13.00	21-22
Rs. 58.00	16.00	21-65